(b) if so, the details of the funds sanctioned by Government for the Outer Ring Road; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and by when necessary funds are expected to be provided as a Special Eligibility Project to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State Government needs to send an integrated proposal for the development of National Highways in and around Hyderabad City. No. detailed proposal in this regard has been received from the State Government.

Industries in rural sector

†4539. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a large number of rural folks are migrating to the cities to find-out jobs there;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to take any effective step to encourage industries in the rural areas;

(c) the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) As a part of Government's effort to generate employment in rural areas and arrest migration of rural people to urban areas in search of employment, the khadi and village industries programme is being implemented. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) provides financial assistance for setting up of khadi and village industries units

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in rural areas in order to provide employment opportunities in the rural area itself. As on 31.3.2000, KVIC generated 12.35 lakhs employment under Khadi and 46.88 lakhs employment under Village Industries. This achievement has considerably helped to reduce the migration of rural people to urban areas.

Competition among Industries

†4540. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any automatic policy to boost competition among the industries;

(b) if so, whether the said policy has since been implemented;

(c) the number of suggestions submitted to Government before finalisation of the said policy; and

(d) the number of suggestions out of them which have been accepted/included in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Recommendations of Abid Hussain Committee

†4541. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by the Abid Hussain Committee on Small Scale Industries;

(b) the number of the recommendations yet to be implemented;

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